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BLM Dillon Field Office Releases Final Report on Rivers to be Studied Further

DILLON – As part of the Dillon Resource Management Plan (RMP), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has finalized the list of rivers within the planning area to be studied further as the RMP is developed.

Eight (8) rivers or river segments will be studied further using criteria to determine if they are suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River system. Factors considered during the suitability review include the status of land ownership, consideration of valid existing rights, other mechanisms available to protect and manage the river other than Wild and Scenic River designation, values that would be enhanced as a result of designation, and support of designation by Federal, state, local, tribal, or other interests. The rivers eligible for further study include portions of Bear Creek, the Beaverhead River, the Big Hole River, Big Sheep Creek, and the Madison River. The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) formed a subgroup that will work on the suitability review. The subgroup will present their recommendations to the full RAC at its September meeting in Dillon.

The *Final Report on Wild and Scenic Rivers Eligibility Determinations* was distributed to everyone currently on the mailing list for the Dillon RMP. If you would like to receive a copy of the report, contact Andrea Wiggins at the Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana, 59725, or call her at (406) 683-8022 or toll free at 1-877-521-2889.

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